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SUBJECT: POLICE RAID BLACK MARKET

1. FEB 13 AT 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE
RAIDED 35 SUSPECTED BLACK MARKET OUTLETS, ARRESTED
PROPRIETORS, AND CONFISCATED ALL MERCHANDISE. SUBSEQUENT-
LY AS RESULT OF INITIAL INTERROGATION, EIGHT US MILITARY
PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. NO CHARGES HAVE
BEEN FILED AND IT IS LIKELY THAT MOST OR ALL WILL BE
RELEASED ON BAIL WITHIN NEXT FEW HOURS. IT IS ALSO LIKELY
THAT MORE US MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

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WILL BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS INVESTIGATION CON-
TINUES.

2. LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE FEB 14 WAS MODERATE. STORIES,
BASED ON POLICE STATEMENT, CLAIMED MOST OF MERCHANDISE
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IN BLACK MARKET (CALLED AMERICAN MARKET IN IZMIR) COMES

FROM US MILITARY PX.

3. BECAUSE RAID OCCURRED DURING PERIOD OF HEIGHTENED TENSION IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS, LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY CONCLUDE THIS ACTION RESULT OF THAT SITUATION. OPERATION AGAINST BLACK MARKET HAS BEEN SEVERAL WEEKS IN PREPARATION, IS NOT TARGETTED PRIMARILY AGAINST AMERICANS, AND HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH US MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

4. FOLLOWING US MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR QUESTIONING TO DATE: STAFF SGT. GARY PHILLIS, USAF TUSLOG DET 11; SGT WILLIAM BRADDY, USAF TUSLOG DET 118; SGT. LESLIE CRAWFORD, USAF TUSLOG DET 118; SGT RICKIE POWELL USAF TUSLOG DET 118; STAFF SGT. RICHARD ALSTON, USAF TUSLOG DET. 5; SGT JAMES ALEXANDER, LANDSOUTHEAST US ARMY DET; SPEC 4 ROBERT DAVIDSON LANDSOUTHEAST US ARMY DET; SFC DONALD BELLEDOU, LANDSOUTHEAST US ARMY DET. BELLEDOU

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